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As of January 1, 1971 the Housing Registry was transferred from City Hall to 101 Bloor Street West, the new OHC headquarters. At that time, there were approximately 22,000 applications on file. To ensure the applications reflected an effective demand, a new application form was designed to meet the Corporation's requirements, and a programme of updating every application on file was undertaken.

The programme of updating commenced in mid-January when an application form was mailed to each of the 22,000 applicants. An explanation of how to complete the form and a letter explaining the programme, was mailed with the form. While a 14-day time limit to respond was indicated, returns were in fact accepted up to March 31, 1971. Any applicant who applied prior to January 4, 1971, however, who submits a revised application, will still be reinstated on the active waiting list.

The purpose of the updating was to determine the effective demand for housing by bedroom size in order to assist the Corporation with its development planning. This upgrading programme had a further effect in that it brought to light many cases of changes in family circumstances previously not reported by the applicant and, therefore, in many instances, improved the applicant's position on the waiting list.

The following are the major findings:

1. As of March 31, 1971, there were 12,805 applicants interested in renting an Ontario Housing unit in Metropolitan Toronto. 10,056 of these were families and 2,749 were adults aged 60 years and over.

The updating of applications showed 9,528 of the 22,000 applicants on record as of December 31, 1970, as still interested.

The 3,277 applicants who applied between January 1 and March 31, 1971, are all considered to be interested. These, added to the 9,528 (above) comprise the March 31, 1971, total of 12,805 interested applicants.

The foregoing is shown in detail in Table I.

The findings which follow deal with family applicants only. Applications from single persons under 60 years of age living alone were placed in the family category. The tabulations are as of March 31, 1971.

2. Of those applicants indicating a preference to live in a different Metro municipality than at present, the greatest number (281) indicated Scarborough as their choice. However, the preferences stated indicated no major change in the distribution of applicants by municipality (Tables II and III).
3. While the numerical distribution of applicants by municipality would remain about the same, the distribution of bedroom requirements for the applicants' municipalities of preference would be somewhat different from those of the municipalities of residence. The changes indicated by Tables II and III are:
 - more emphasis on bachelor and 1-bedroom units for the City and Scarborough, and fewer elsewhere;
 - more emphasis on 2-bedroom units in all municipalities except for York and East York; and
 - less emphasis on 3, 4 and 5-bedroom units in the City and York, and more emphasis on these units in North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke.
4. No significant difference is indicated in the relative income distribution of applicants for the municipalities of preference compared to the municipalities of residence (Tables IV and V).

5. One-half of the applicants had family incomes of less than \$4,200 per year, or \$350 per month. One-quarter had incomes of \$450 per month or more (Tables IV and V).
6. Over half of the applicants obtained their income from employment, and nearly one-quarter received assistance under the General Welfare or Mother's Allowance programs (Table VI).
7. Three out of every five applications were from two-parent families (Table VII).
8. About half of all of the children represented by the applications resided in the City of Toronto. Thirty four per cent of all children were in the 0-4 year age-group, 57 per cent were aged 5 to 15 years, and 9 per cent 16 to 18 years (Table VIII).

TABLE I
SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS ON FILE
FOR ONTARIO HOUSING UNITS
March 31, 1971

	Family	Adults, 60 yrs. of Age & Over	Total
Applications on Hand, December 31, 1970	18,915	3,085	22,000
Applicants no longer interested, did not reply or located in other accommodation	11,167	899	12,066
Housed by O.H.C. between January 1 and March 31, 1971	<u>325</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>406</u>
Remaining Active Applications	7,423	2,105	9,528
Applications Filed between January 1 and March 31, 1971	<u>2,633</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>3,277</u>
Active Applications March 31, 1971	10,056	2,749	12,805

TABLE 11
FAMILY APPLICATIONS BY BEDROOM REQUIREMENT
AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE

Municipality	Bachelor		Distribution by Bedroom Requirement						Total	
	No.		1-br.		2-br.		3-br.		4 br.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Toronto	804	15.4	798	15.3	1,929	36.9	1,147	21.9	416	8.0
North York	90	6.5	163	11.9	592	43.0	404	29.3	103	7.5
Scarborough	74	6.3	179	15.4	464	39.8	333	28.5	96	8.2
Etobicoke	40	7.7	49	9.4	233	44.7	155	29.8	37	7.1
York	79	8.7	119	13.1	384	42.3	232	25.6	73	8.0
East York	56	13.9	78	19.5	146	36.4	99	24.7	17	4.3
Other	20	4.4	45	9.8	178	38.9	149	32.5	52	11.3
Total	1,163	11.6	1,431	14.2	3,926	39.1	2,519	25.0	794	7.9
									223	2.2
									10,056	100.0

TABLE III
FAMILY APPLICATIONS BY BEDROOM REQUIREMENT
AND MUNICIPALITY OF PREFERENCE

Municipality	Bachelor		1-br.		2-br.		3-br.		4-br.		5-br.		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Toronto	860	16.2	864	16.2	1,980	37.2	1,140	21.4	364	6.8	117	2.2	5,325	100.0
North York	72	5.2	152	10.9	598	42.9	426	30.6	119	8.6	25	1.8	1,392	100.0
Scarborough	88	6.1	201	13.9	583	40.3	422	29.1	126	8.7	28	1.9	1,448	100.0
Etobicoke	32	4.6	62	9.0	289	41.9	214	31.1	75	10.9	17	2.5	689	100.0
York	24	6.9	45	13.0	154	44.4	87	25.1	30	8.6	7	2.0	347	100.0
East York	25	8.8	44	15.5	118	41.5	72	25.3	20	7.1	5	1.8	284	100.0
Other	62	10.9	63	11.0	204	35.7	158	27.7	60	10.5	24	4.2	571	100.0
Total	1,163	11.6	1,431	14.2	3,926	39.0	2,519	25.1	794	7.9	223	2.2	10,056	100.0

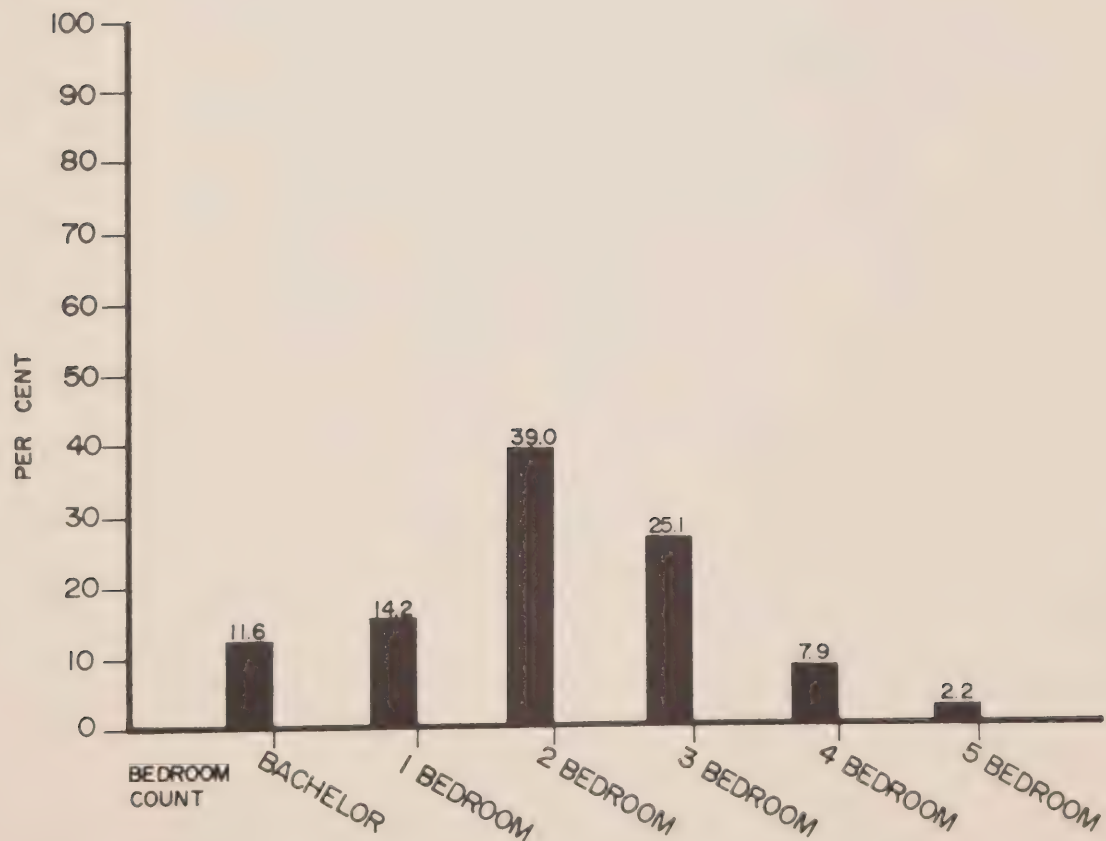
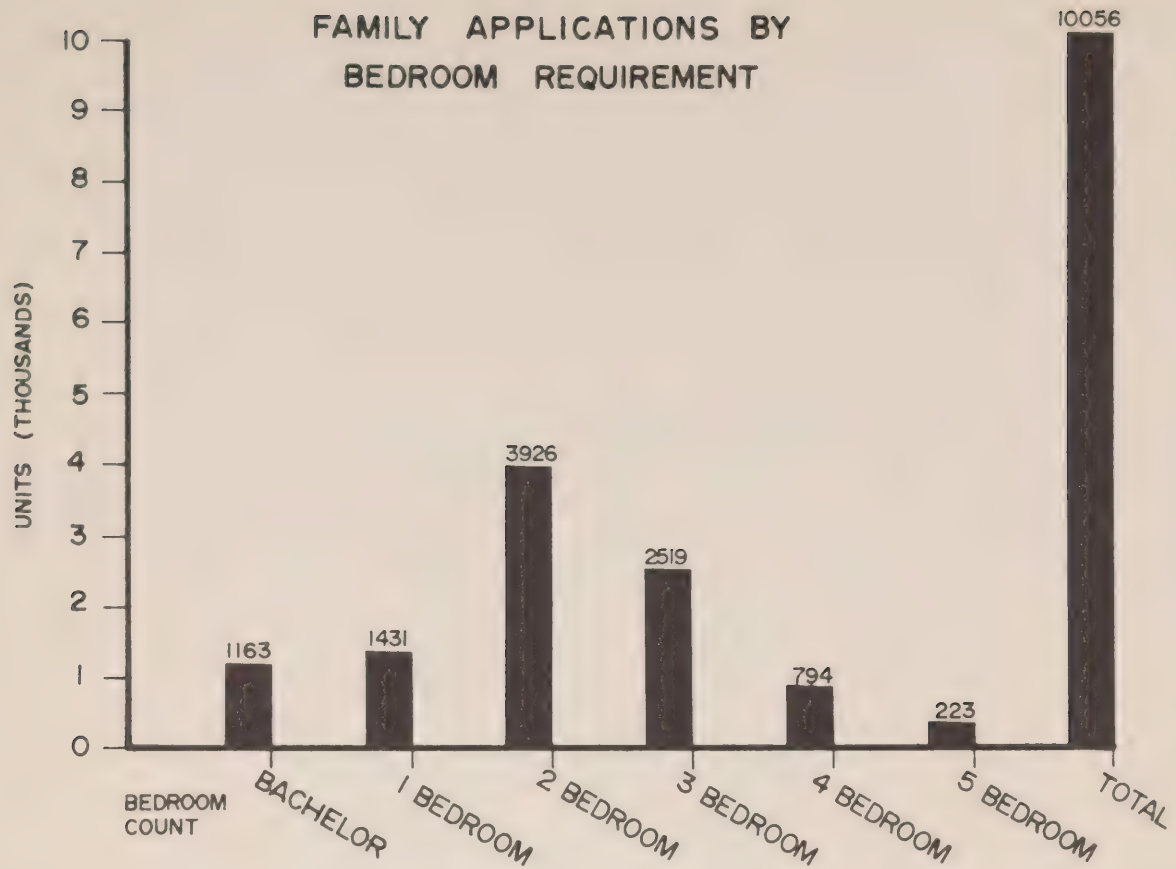


TABLE IV
FAMILY APPLICATION BY MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME OF APPLICANT
AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE

Municipality	<u>Numerical Distribution by (\$) Income Range</u>								Total
	0-99	100-199	200-249	250-299	300-349	350-399	400-449	450+	
Toronto	369	808	713	579	632	556	557	1,010	5,224
North York	84	112	116	93	133	160	189	490	1,377
Scarborough	64	131	128	105	133	121	150	335	1,167
Etobicoke	21	53	55	48	39	45	76	184	521
York	73	88	95	77	92	107	110	266	908
East York	29	58	39	51	52	42	45	85	401
Other	25	50	51	42	40	51	51	148	458
Total	665	1,300	1,197	995	1,121	1,082	1,178	2,518	10,056

Municipality	<u>Percentage Distribution by (\$) Income Range</u>								Total
	0-99	100-199	200-249	250-299	300-349	350-399	400-449	450+	
Toronto	7.1	15.5	13.6	11.1	12.1	10.6	10.7	19.3	100.0
North York	6.1	8.1	8.4	6.7	9.7	11.7	13.7	35.6	100.0
Scarborough	5.5	11.2	10.9	9.0	11.4	10.4	12.9	28.7	100.0
Etobicoke	4.0	10.2	10.6	9.2	7.5	8.6	14.6	35.3	100.0
York	8.0	9.7	10.5	8.5	10.1	11.8	12.1	29.3	100.0
East York	7.2	14.5	9.8	12.7	12.9	10.5	11.2	21.2	100.0
Other	5.4	10.9	11.1	9.2	8.7	11.2	11.2	32.3	100.0
Total	6.6	12.9	11.9	9.9	11.1	10.8	11.7	25.1	100.0

TABLE V
FAMILY APPLICATIONS BY MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME OF APPLICANT
AND MUNICIPALITY OF PREFERENCE

Municipality	<u>Numerical Distribution by (\$) Income Range</u>								Total
	0-99	100-199	200-249	250-299	300-349	350-399	400-449	450+	
Toronto	401	823	696	581	602	589	568	1,065	5,325
North York	66	113	134	105	146	151	190	487	1,392
Scarborough	75	167	164	144	174	143	183	398	1,448
Etobicoke	31	49	65	50	63	73	96	262	689
York	29	28	45	31	43	33	38	100	347
East York	17	38	23	31	41	28	32	74	284
Other	46	82	70	53	52	65	71	132	571
Total	665	1,300	1,197	995	1,121	1,082	1,178	2,518	10,056

Municipality	<u>Percentage Distribution by (\$) Income Range</u>								Total
	0-99	100-199	200-249	250-299	300-349	350-399	400-449	450+	
Toronto	7.5	15.5	13.1	10.9	11.3	11.1	10.6	20.0	100.0
North York	4.7	8.2	9.6	7.5	10.5	10.9	13.6	35.0	100.0
Scarborough	5.2	11.5	11.3	9.9	12.0	9.9	12.7	27.5	100.0
Etobicoke	4.5	7.1	9.4	7.3	9.1	10.6	13.9	38.1	100.0
York	8.4	8.1	13.0	8.9	12.4	9.5	10.9	28.8	100.0
East York	5.9	13.4	8.1	10.9	14.4	9.9	11.3	26.1	100.0
Other	8.1	14.3	12.3	9.3	9.1	11.4	12.4	23.1	100.0
Total	6.6	12.9	11.9	9.9	11.1	10.8	11.7	25.1	100.0

TABLE VI
FAMILY APPLICATIONS
SOURCE OF INCOME OF APPLICANTS

Source of Income	Distribution of Applications	
	No.	%
Employment	6,386	55.5
Workmen's Compensation	132	1.2
Mother's Allowance	1,042	9.1
Welfare	1,610	14.0
Retirement Pension	121	1.0
O.A.S. or O.A.A.*	114	1.0
D.V.A. Pension	221	1.9
Other	1,878	16.3
Total	11,504**	100.0

*Old Age Security or Old Age Assistance

**Some Applications Indicated more than one source of income

TABLE VII
FAMILY APPLICATIONS BY FAMILY COMPOSITION

Composition	<u>Distribution of Applications</u>			
	<u>1 Parent</u>		<u>2 Parents</u>	
	No.	%	No.	%
Family Head(s) alone	1,202	28.3	674	11.6
With Children only	2,336	55.0	4,313	74.3
With Adults only	337	7.9	198	3.4
With Children and Adults	374	8.8	622	10.7
Total	4,249	100.0	5,807	100.0

TABLE VIII
FAMILY APPLICATIONS
DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN BY AGE-GROUP
AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE

Municipality	<u>0-4 yrs.</u>		<u>5-15 yrs.</u>		<u>16-18 yrs.</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Toronto	3,000	47.9	5,084	49.4	866	53.3	8,950	49.2
North York	957	15.3	1,444	14.0	201	12.4	2,602	14.4
Scarborough	715	11.5	1,327	12.9	186	11.5	2,228	12.2
Etobicoke	379	6.0	578	5.6	75	4.6	1,032	5.7
York	636	10.1	903	8.8	147	9.0	1,686	9.3
East York	214	3.4	329	3.2	62	3.8	605	3.3
Other	360	5.8	629	6.1	87	5.4	1,076	5.9
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Total	6,261	100.0	10,294	100.0	1,624	100.0	18,179	100.0

